

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. - 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A blower ~~which~~ that is arranged to suck air inside an annular wall through slits as a fan rotates, the annular wall being spaced from ends of the fan blades, and the slits, passing from the inner perimeter to the outer perimeter of the annular wall at a section radially outward of the ends of the fan blades, located in sections of said annular wall adjacent said ends of the fan blades,

wherein the annular wall with the slits comprises a plurality of annular plates stacked in a spaced relation from each other in planes transverse to the longitudinal direction of the axis of rotation of the fan spaced by n spacers, where n is an integer greater than or equal to five, and at least $n-2$ of the n spacers, comprise two side surfaces perpendicular to the annular plates and all of said side surfaces of said at least $n-2$ spacers are parallel with each other.

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21. (Previously Presented) A blower according to claim 20, comprising a four sided casing body, the slots being in the sides thereof, wherein the spacers are at and near the middle of the four sides of the casing body and are inclined with respect to a radial plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the fan.

22. (Currently Amended) A blower according to claim 20, wherein ~~the~~ a casing body also of the blower has four corners, and spacers in the four corners of the casing body are inclined with respect to a radial plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the fan.

23. (Previously Presented) A blower according to claim 22, wherein the radially outer peripheral ends of the spacers inclined with respect to the radial plane are cambered or cut obliquely.

24. (Currently Amended) A blower-housing molding method for molding a four sided blower housing comprising an annular wall spaced from ~~the~~ ends of blades of a fan, said annular wall provided with slits formed in the sides therein to allow air to pass from

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the exterior perimeter of the housing to the interior of the housing, said slits being separated by n spacers where n is an integer greater than or equal to five, located at and near the middle of the four sides, and at least $n-2$ of the spacers are inclined with respect to a radial plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the fan, comprising:

using a pair of upper and lower molds for forming an inner surface of said annular wall and a boss to which a motor is secured, and a pair of slide cores sliding opposite to each other at right angles to a moving direction of said pair of molds,

and forming the slits all around the annular wall by using said pair of slide cores at the same time as the annular wall, a base serving as a reference for installing the blower, and the boss are molded as a single piece.